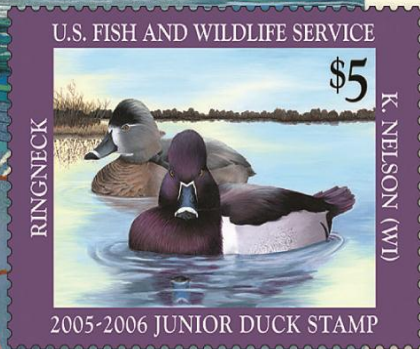


# Conservation Through the Arts

Welcome to the

# Junior Duck Stamp Contest



# What IS the Junior Duck Stamp Contest?

♦Founded by Dr. Joan Allemand, and managed by the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), it's a program to teach kids about conservation....through art!

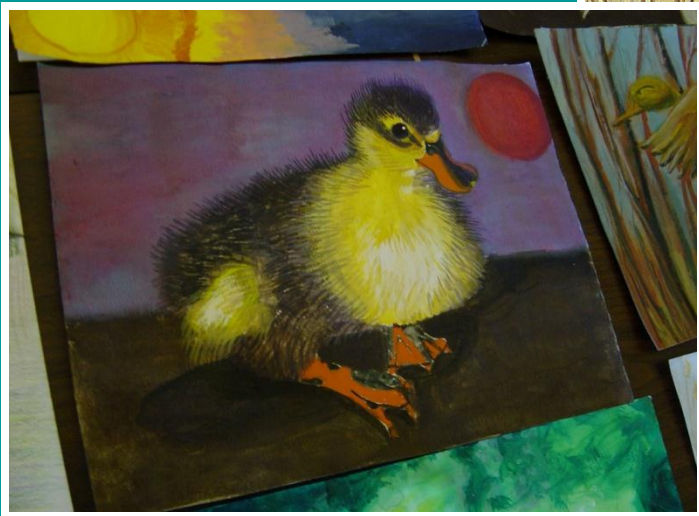
♦Art is submitted to the Junior Duck Stamp Contest, and a duck stamp is created from the winning piece!

♦Every year, kids K-12 help the FWS by creating works of art to enter in the Contest! Take a look at these:

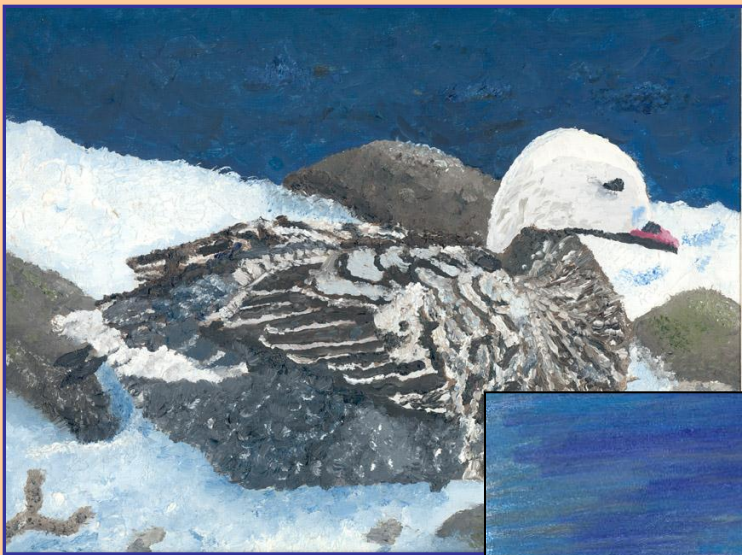




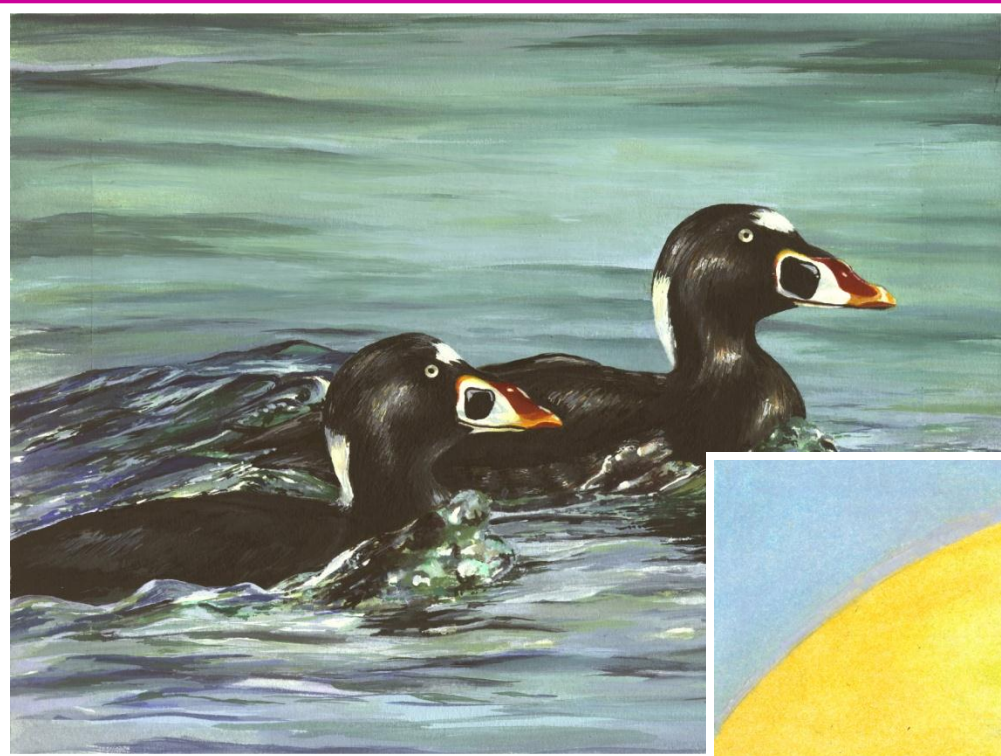














# Who Participates?

♦ Anyone (K-12) living in the U.S. or U.S. territories!

♦ Last year 32,000 kids entered!

♦ This year **YOU** CAN ENTER!!



# But WHAT is a Junior Duck Stamp?

1

Created by kids, the stamp sells for \$5 at USPS, sporting good stores, and some refuges.

2

The stamp is for revenue, not for postage.

3

Proceeds from the stamp benefit environmental education.



# Steps to the Stamp

1. Learn about wetland conservation

2. Research/Preparation

3. Create your artwork!

4. State contests/awards

5. National contests/awards

6. Stamp is created! First day of Sales







# 1. Learn about Conservation/Waterfowl/

**WATERFOWL** are birds that swim on water... like ducks and geese!

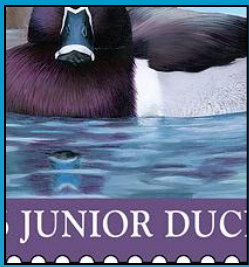
**CONSERVATION** is how we manage and take care of wildlife and natural resources.

**REFUGES** are places waterfowl can hang out for the summer, for the winter, or between flights!

**But WHY is this important?**







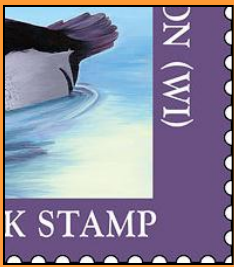
## 2. Research/Preparation

Look at all those refuges!

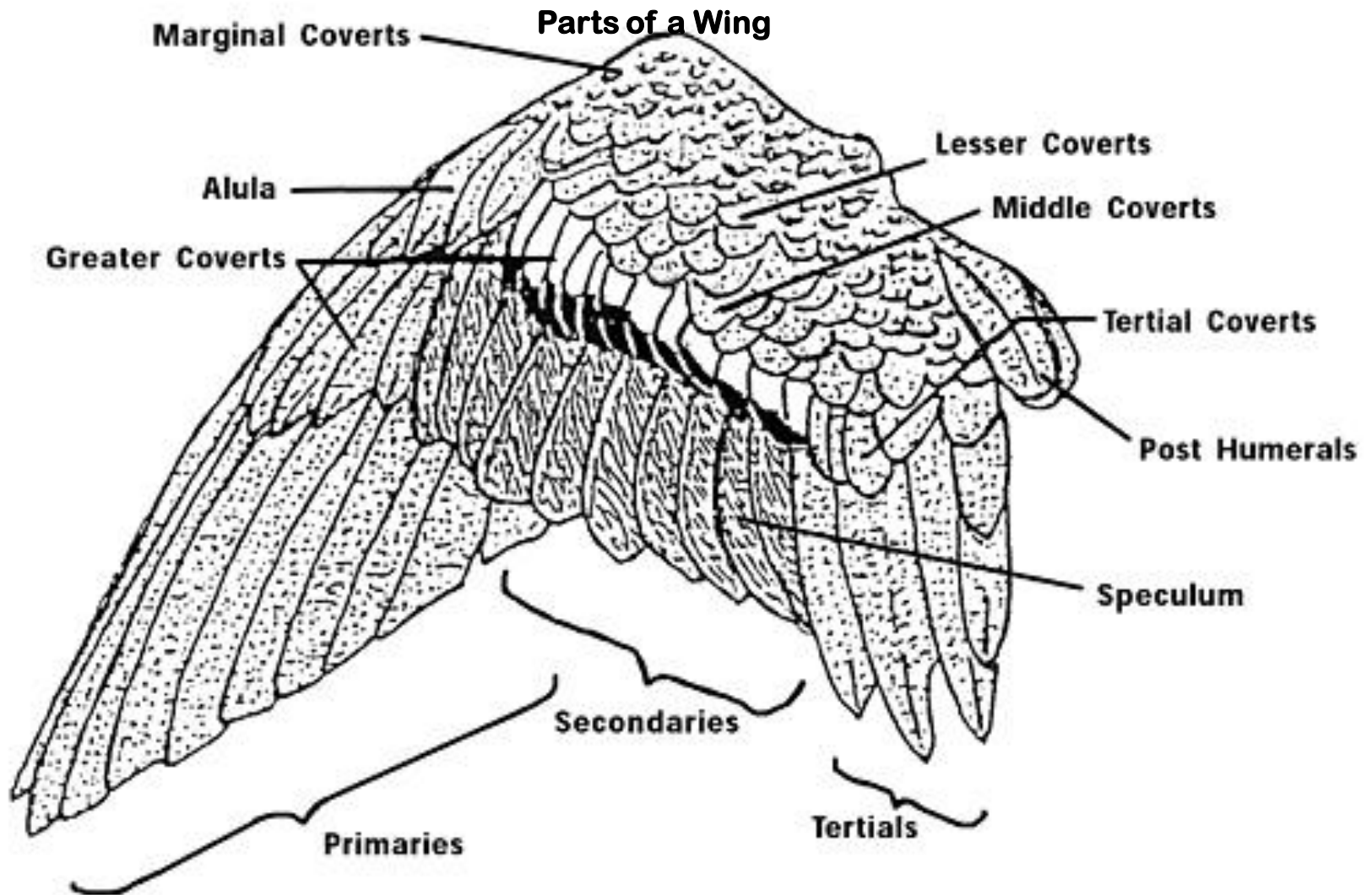


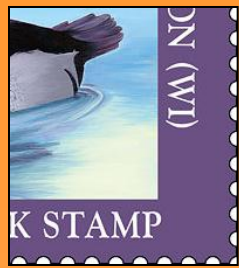
Choose a waterfowl species for your Junior Duck Stamp entry and learn what it looks like, how it migrates, where it lives, and what it eats!!





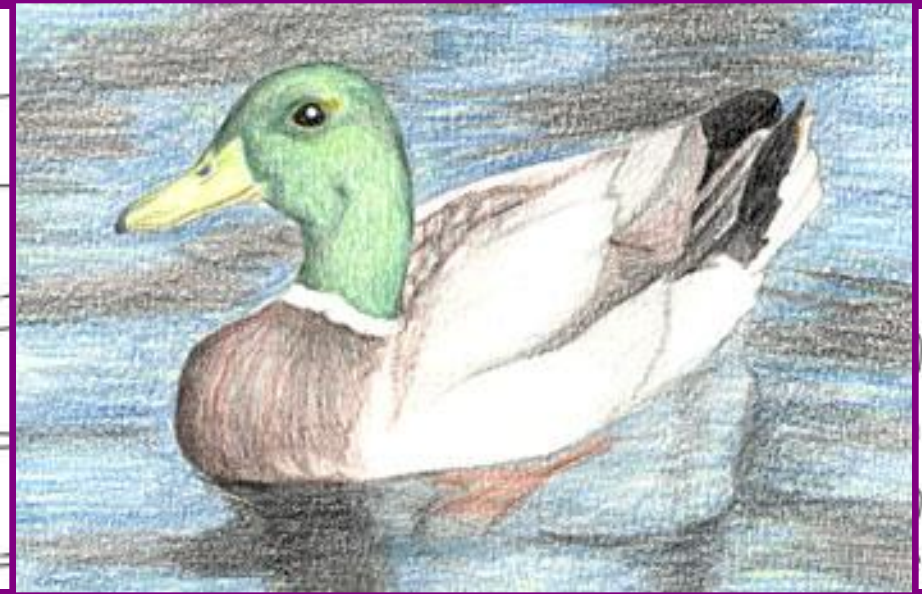
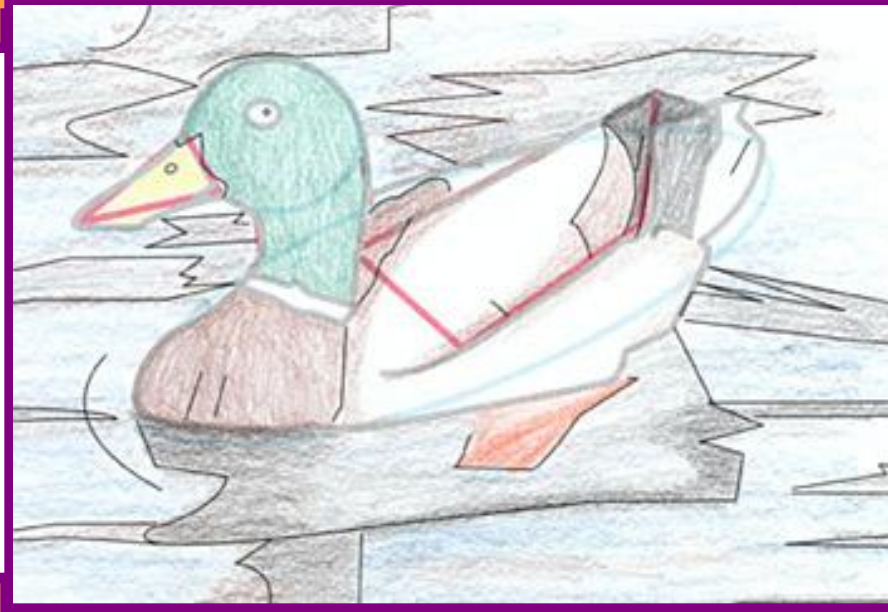
# 3. Create your artwork!



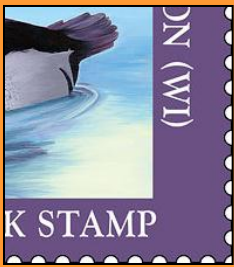


### 3. Create your artwork!

**After you create a background and start your piece:**

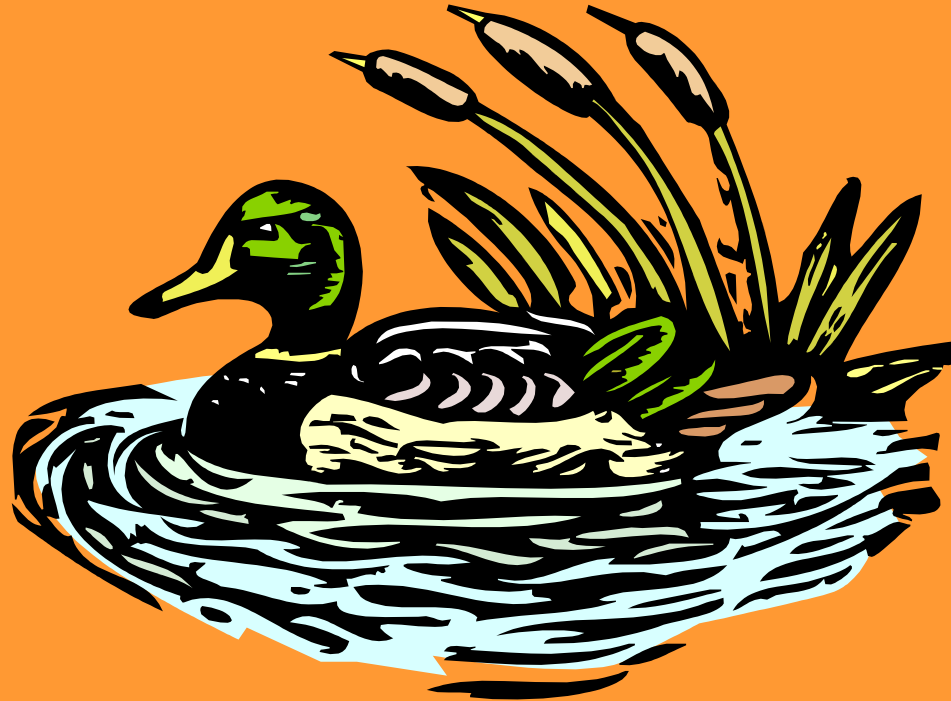




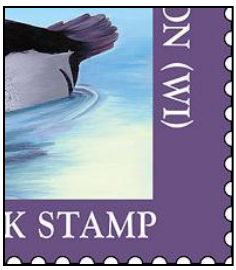


### 3. Create your artwork!

**Don't just copy someone else's artwork, you will be disqualified!**



**Instead, look at artwork for ideas and motivation only!**



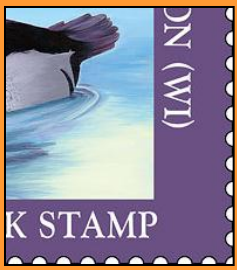
### 3. Create your artwork!

**Go outside, observe ducks. Watch what they do**

**Take a sketch pad or a camera to capture your ideas!**



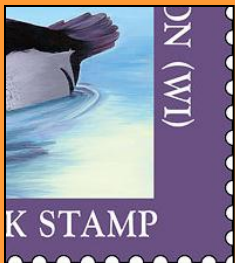




### 3. Create your artwork!

Because, looking at artwork is a great  
way to brainstorm!





### 3. Create your artwork!

**And remember, it's up to YOU to make your piece as creative and realistic as possible!**

**Just make sure you don't copy anyone else's work- that means artists, photographers, or friends!**

**Have fun and remember that YOU are doing your part to promote wetland conservation!**





## 4. State contests/awards

- 4 age groups

- Awards are given in each:

**K-3**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place  
(3)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
(3)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
(3)**



**4-6**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place  
(3)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
(3)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
(3)**



**7-9**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place  
(3)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
(3)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
(3)**



**10-12**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
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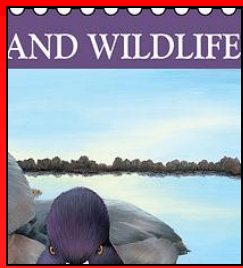
## 4. State contests/awards

One Best of Show entry is selected from each state...



And is sent to the National Competition!





# 5. National contests/awards

- Includes ONE Best of Show from each state or territory...

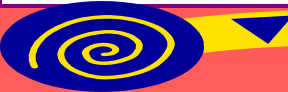
And prizes are awarded!



1st Place

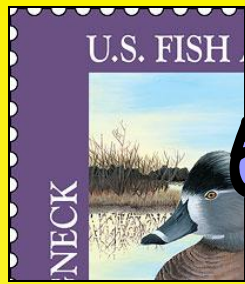
2nd Place

3rd Place



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# 6. Stamp is created! First Day of Sales

- The winning art becomes the next Federal Junior Duck Stamp!



- Stamps sell for \$5 and support environmental education!

- ALL art is returned

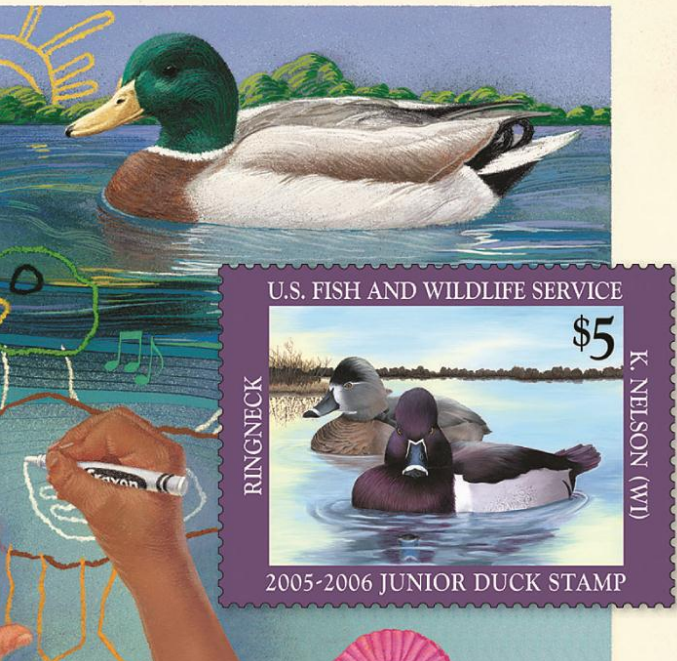


- EVERYONE who enters is recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation!



# Ready to get started?

**Contact your State  
Coordinator or visit  
these FWS  
Websites:**



**[www.fws.gov/juniorduck/](http://www.fws.gov/juniorduck/)**

**[www.fws.gov/duckstamps/](http://www.fws.gov/duckstamps/)**